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1. OUR SOURCES REPORT THAT JUNE 21-24 VISIT TO SAG BY
COMMAND COUNCIL DELEGATION WON GRUDGING SAUDI CONSENT TO
CONTINUE BUDGET SUBSIDY AND OTHER AID DESPITE SAG'S
STRONG OPPOSITION TO PRIMIN AL-AYNI. SAG WILL QTE
WAIT AND WATCH UNQTE, JUDGING AL-AYNI ON PERFORMANCE.
COMMENT: WE DOUBT SAG WILL IN FACT REMAIN PASSIVE. BEING
SO DEEPLY DISTRUSTFUL OF AL-AYNI
IT IS MORE LIKELY TO BEGIN MARSHAL ITS ASSETS IN PREPARA-
TION FOR AN EFFORT UNSEAT HIM IN EVENT HE SHOWS SIGNS
OF DEVIATING FROM PATH SAG APPROVES. EVEN SUCH PREPARA-
TIONS, WITH TRIBES, DISAFFECTED MILITARY LEADERS, ETC.,
COULD CAUSE STRAINS FOR NEW YAR LEADERSHIP.

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2. MUHAMMAD KOHALI, FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR

AND EX-COMMANDER OF IMPORTANT QTE CENTRAL UNITS UNQTE, IS REPORTEDLY RESISTING HAMDI'S EFFORTS TO GET HIM OUT OF COUNTRY. (COMMAND COUNCIL (CC) ANNOUNCED SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT KUHALI HAD BEEN DESIGNATED MINISTER PLENIPOTENTIARY IN TAR EMBASSY IN LONDON.) HAMDI RIGHTLY VIEWS KOHALI AS POTENTIAL ANTI-CC FIGURE WHO COULD CAUSE TROUBLE BECAUSE OF LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS UNDER HIS COMMAND. COMMENT: HAMDI'S AUTHORITY WILL SUFFER IF HE FAILS IN HIS EFFORTS REMOVE KOHALI FROM THE YAR POLITICAL ARENA.

3. IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT YAR AIRPORTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS. THEY HAVE IN FACT BEEN OPEN SINCE JUNE 16.

4. BOTH CC CHAIRMAN HAMDI AND PRIME MINISTER AL-AYNI CONTINUED RECEIVE CALLERS, INCLUDING ARAB JOURNALISTS, DIPLOMATS, AND OTHER WELL WISHERS.

5. A CABINET MEETING WAS HELD ON JUNE 26. AFTER THE MEETING IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRIMINHAD ORDERED AROL MINISTERS PREPARE PLANS FOR REFORMS WITHIN THEIR MINISTRIES DURING THE COMING YEAR. PLANS ARE TO BE PRESENTED AT CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 3.

6. IT HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED THAT EX-PRESIDENT IRYANI DID MAKE A STATEMENT TO A BEIRUT PRESSMAN SAYING THAT HE RESIGNED UNDER DURESS AND RESIGNATION THEREFORE INVALID. INTERVIEW WAS APPARENTLY PICKED UP AND CARRIED ON BAGHDAD RADIO, BUT WAS SUPPRESSED HERE.
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